

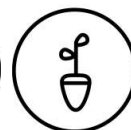


Dusty Miller

NEW LOOK & SILVER DUST



Seeds



Plugs

Dusty Miller was brought to the cut flower business from the gardens. It is a plant in the family Asteraceae and originates from the Island of Capraia in Italy, where it is called “fiordaliso delle scogliere” meaning cornflower of the cliffs. This bedding plant item has arrived to give our flower arrangements a garden look that is very much in fashion. Its silver color, that complements the pastel colors in the arrangements, symbolizes the moon and is commonly associated with elegance, prestige and wealth.

- One of the most productive and unique foliage plants around
- This special Dusty Miller features tall, thick stems with large, smooth-edged silver leaves (New Look)
- The more you pick it, the more stems it produces
- Ready to cut in just four months from sowing. This hardworking plant will reward you with buckets and buckets of fuzzy silvery foliage all season long

Suite:



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

CROP TIME

From planting to harvest: 15 weeks.

PLANTING DENSITY

12 plants/m² net.

PRE-PLANTING

Soil: Well drained and loose, without clods. At least 25 cm deep.

pH: 5.5 to 5.8

cE: Substrate 1.5 – 1.8

Netting: Use two levels of netting

TEMPERATURE

Day time temperatures between 16–18 °C and night time temperatures between 13–14 °C favors growth.

LIGHTNING

Artificial light should be given until harvest. A total of 16 hours of light per day is recommended to improve the length of the stem

Application of growth-regulating hormone:

4, 5, and 6 weeks after planting, apply 150 ppm.

IRRIGATION

Apply overhead irrigation after planting for 1 week. Then start dripping irrigation carefully maintaining the foliage dry during the entire cycle.

FERTILIZATION

A general formula of fertilization can be the following:

N: 150–200 ppm, P: 40–50 ppm, K: 150–180 ppm, Ca: 120–130 ppm, C.E: 1.0

HARVEST

Harvest when the stem is at least 50 cm high.

POSTHARVEST TREATMENT

Place the stems immediately after harvest in a solution containing STS for at least 4 hours (Chrysal AVB 0.5 cc / liter and AVB booster 1 cc/lt). Then hydrate in Chrysal Professional 2 (dose of 10 cc/l) for 4 hours in cold room.

PESTS & DISEASES

- Aphids
- Pustula obtusata
- Alternaria sp